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11. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide wherein, except for at least one conservative amino acid substitution, said polypeptide has an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids from about 1 to about 218 of SEQ ID NO:4; and
- (b) amino acids from about 2 to about 218 of SEQ ID NO:4.

12. (Amended) An isolated polypeptide comprising amino selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids from about 1 to about 218 of SEQ ID NO:4; and
- (b) amino acids from about 2 to about 218 of SEQ ID NO:4.

13. (Amended) An epitope-bearing portion of a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO:4.

14. (Amended) The epitope-bearing portion of claim 13, which comprises between about 10 and 100 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:4.

15. (Amended) The epitope-bearing portion of claim 14, which comprises between about 12 and 50 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:4.

16. (Amended) The epitope-bearing portion of claim 14, which comprises between about 15 and 25 contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO:4.